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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 16th.

A Havas message says:—
Before leaving for the United States, Mr. Frank Polk, the American delegate, expressed optimism, saying that no doubt Germany was going to accede to the Allies' just demands.

Romania was ready to sign her signature to the Treaty of St. Germain. The Treaty with Hungary was ready. Thus, the laborious structure of world peace was about to be achieved.

Mr. Polk concluded by reiterating his admiration for France.

Paris circles state that Germany is manifestly preparing to sign the protocol thus permitting the Peace Treaty to take effect.

M. Marcel Frosset, author of "A Ombre de la France," has been awarded the annual French literature prize known as Prix Goncourt.

Luk Tseng-tsing, the head of the Chinese Delegation at the Peace Conference, left Marseilles on December 16th en route for China.

Two hundred Chinese students have arrived at Marseilles, the first of 6,000 young Chinese men and women who are coming to study Western civilization and science.

Lille is organizing its first international exhibition for the restoration of Northern France—opening in May next and lasting until October—on a vast scale. Support is being promised from all over the world.

M. Clemenceau left Paris last night and arrived in London this morning. Signor Bissolati, the Italian Foreign Minister, is in London. It is understood that he and M. Clemenceau will discuss with the British Cabinet the future Allied policy.

The French Press has devoted many columns of comment to the visit of M. Clemenceau being very reserved on Russian questions, but lay special stress on the economic side of the mission.

Of vital importance to France is the speedy settlement of the coal and financial questions.

AN ECHO OF YERDUN.

PARIS, December 16th.

The passenger who was killed in an aeroplane crash at Caterham was an American named Mr. Rand, President of a Marine Trust Company in Buffalo.

One of his last acts was to offer 500,000 francs for a monument to commemorate the burial of the battalion of Frenchmen who were overwhelmed in a trench at Yerdun. M. Clemenceau had accepted the offer.

THE "CASTOR" A TOTAL LOSS.

LONDON, December 12th.

The owners fear that the steamer *Castor* which has not been heard of since she left Singapore on November 16th, for Haiphong has been lost in a typhoon.

COLLECTING FOR THE ZOO.

LONDON, December 12th.

Mr. Wilfred Fries is proceeding immediately on a tour of the Malay Archipelago with a view to restocking the London Zoo.

He proceeds to Singapore, thence to Java, Macassar, and Amboina, spending a month in the Aroe Islands. The trip includes visits to the Celebes, Sumatra, Borneo, and the Malay Peninsula.

Thus, he proposes to visit localities seldom reached by collectors and hopes to secure specimens of the *Babir Russa* (the pig of the Celebes), *Macroglossus*, *possum* and *tree kangaroo*, and the orang and gibbons at Singapore.

He hopes to obtain representative specimens of most of the local birds throughout the trip.

NEW EAST ASIATIC VESSEL.

LONDON, December 12th.

The world's greatest motor-ship, the *Africa* (1,400 tons) belonging to the East Asiatic Company, has been launched at Copenhagen. She has two Diesel motors together indicating 4,500 horse power.

SIBERIAN BUTTER SUPPLIES.

LONDON, December 12th.

The Food Controller, referring to the statement that in May last the Ministry refused to purchase 10,000 tons of Siberian butter which had been offered cheaply, says that it was true a small quantity of such butter might have been acquired, but it was not fit for consumption and would have been a gift. He had recently been able to buy 300 tons in better condition at a price corresponding to the price of Canadian and Danish butter.

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RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION AND SHANSHI COALFIELDS.

PEKING, December 15th.

An agreement has just been concluded between the Shanhsi Provincial Government and the Kailan Mining Administration with a view to co-operation for the exploitation of the rich coalfields in Shanhsi. The agreement is preliminary in character. It furnishes a signal proof of the confidence of the Chinese in British co-operation and the establishment by the Administration of big undertakings in China.

STRIKE OF EDUCATIONALISTS.

The Professors' strike commenced today at the University, Colleges, and High-schools. No classes assembled.

AMERICAN ADMIRAL'S VISIT.

The Chinese Government has detailed Lieut.-Commander Tu Chang-chi, to act as aide-de-camp to Admiral Gleaves, who arrives at Chinwangtao on Sunday in the flagship *South Dakota*. The Government places a special car at the disposal of Colonel Gulick, Commandant of the American Legation Guard and Commander Huthal, American Naval Attache, who will meet the Admiral.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tsz Tai Po.)

SHANGHAI Dec. 16.

Wong Jim Yui the Hupai Tschun informs the Peking Government that owing to the boycott movement Hankow and Wuchang have been proclaimed as under martial law.

The Russian Minister at Peking protests against the cancellation of Mongolian independence. He points out that the independence was agreed upon by three Powers and that the cancellation without the Russians' consent cannot be considered valid.

The Cabinet has sanctioned the Urga vice-commissioner's request that immediately the Mongolians make known their independence the Peking Government will undertake to pay off the debts of the Mongolian Government and that no Chinese troops will be despatched to stations in Mongolia.

Wong Tai Sit is said to have been recommended to fill the post as Minister at Tokyo.

The Diplomatic Body has promised to hand over the custom surplus by the end of this month.

The Kiangsu Educational Association telegraphed to the cabinet requesting the severest punishment of troops who had committed an outrage at the silk industrial girl school.

The Fukienese request the Peking Government to appoint Lam Cheung Man the ex-Minister of Justice to deal with the Foochow Affair.

Owing to the school teachers' strike it has been proposed that the New Year holiday should take place earlier.

General Chu Shu Tsang intends to proceed to the North West frontier with 3 brigades of troops. Before starting he asks Parliament to vote a sum of \$3,000,000 for expenses.

PROPOSED BRIDGE FROM JOHORE TO SINGAPORE.

It has long been decided by the Federated Malay States Railway authorities to bridge the Johore Straits. The war interfered with the scheme, which was held up on that account. Work has already begun.

The plan is to build a causeway to link up Singapore, Island and Johore. Complete connection by rail will then have been established between Singapore, the whole of Malaya and Siam.

The cost of the work is estimated at \$1,000,000 and it will take five years to complete. An immense impetus to trade will be afforded by this new development. Two million tons of granite will be required. To enable ships to continue to pass the Straits after the causeway has been built, a lock will be built on the Johore side. The length between hills will be 170ft., width 32ft., and depth of water on tides 10ft. at low tide. Electric power will be used in operating the various slides, and for working the lock gates. A rolling lift bridge, also operated by electricity, will carry the road and railway over the lock.

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AUSTRALIAN SHIPBUILDING YARDS.

Some interesting particulars of the work of Australian shipbuilding yards up to the commencement of this year are given in a paper read by Mr. J. Leask, M.I.N.A., before the Melbourne Section of the Junior Institution of Engineers. At Sydney there are four yards, of which the most important is the Cockatoo Island Yard, now owned by the Commonwealth Government. This yard formerly belonged to the New South Wales Government, and was at first employed on general repair work, docking and slipway work. Little or no new building work was carried out until an order was placed for the construction of the light cruiser "Brisbane," and work on the hull of this vessel was well advanced when the yard was purchased by the Commonwealth Government. The destroyer "Warrago," constructed by the Fairfield Company at Govan, was shipped to Sydney and re-erected at Cockatoo Island. This work, as well as that on the "Brisbane," having proved entirely satisfactory, appears to have given a fresh impetus to the Australian shipbuilding industry. Since that time another light cruiser, the "Adelaide," has been launched, and three destroyers have been completed, as well as lightships, launches and other small craft. There are at present under construction a fleet collier and a cargo vessel for the Commonwealth Government line of steamers. The former vessel is the first steel ship to be built entirely of Australian material. It is designed to carry 4,000 tons of coal, 1,250 tons of oil, and 750 tons of fresh water for the fleet, as well as about 1,000 tons of bunker coal.

The principal work of the Morts Dock, Sydney, is dry-docking, slipway work and repairs, although various types of vessels have been constructed for local owners, and two oil storage vessels were constructed in 1912 and 1913 for the Australian Navy. Messrs. Morrison and Sinclair, another Sydney firm, are builders principally of wooden ships, and Messrs. Pool and Steel, formerly of Sydney, have now removed to Adelaide, where they will probably build vessels for the Commonwealth Government line. Owing to the suitability of local timber, Tasmania seems to be best adapted for the construction of wooden ships. There are two firms at Hobart, viz., Messrs. Kennedy, engaged in the construction of this class of vessel. There is also a shipyard at Devonport, Tasmania, where it is understood that two vessels for the Commonwealth Line are to be built. Williamstown Shipyard, near Melbourne, originally owned by the Government of Victoria, has recently been taken over by the Commonwealth Government. The construction work consisted chiefly of dredging plant, but dry-docking and repairs were also carried out. Two vessels are now under construction for the Commonwealth Line. Messrs. Grey Brothers, of Williamstown, have successfully carried out the important operation of lengthening a vessel, and have also constructed some dumb hopper barges, but are now engaged in shipbuilding work. Hopper barges have also been constructed by Messrs. Johnson and Sons, of Melbourne. Wooden ships have been built from time to time at a few establishments in Queensland, and vessels for the Commonwealth line are about to be constructed at a yard at Maryborough. Pearling luggers are also built by Japanese labour at Thursday Island.

One of the most recently constructed yards, and one which promises largely to influence the shipbuilding industry in Australia is that at Walsh Island, Newcastle, N.S.W. The yard is situated in a coal centre and is directly opposite the Broken Hill steel works, where plates, sections, and steel castings are produced. Its favourable location should be of material assistance in the matter of cheap production. Dredgers, hopper barges, trawlers, and other craft have already been built in this yard, and six steamers for the Commonwealth Line are now in course of construction. There is ample room for extension, and a dozen berths could easily be laid down if required. The yard, which is under the management of Mr. A. M. Bomphrey, has its own engine shops, so that vessels can be constructed and supplied complete with machinery. A considerable number of launches have been built in other establishments in Australia, and doubtless some of these yards could be adapted for the construction of larger vessels. It would thus appear that the shipbuilding industry of the Commonwealth has a very promising future, and although it is, of course, preferable for Australia to construct her own ships than to purchase them from foreign countries, it must not be forgotten that one of our means of paying for the Australian produce we need will be diminished by the development of the Australian shipbuilding industry.

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THE MURDERED WARDENS

(Continued from page 4)

The Indian interpreter of the Civil Hospital was then called and said he saw Harnam Singh on Monday and told witness that at about 4.30 a.m., he was on duty at the condemned cell when a Chinese came up and stabbed him with a dagger.

Dr. McKenny asked him through witness if he could identify the man. He said he could not. Replying to another question the patient said the Principal Warden Mr. Speed was near at the time. Asked how many Chinese there were, the patient said one.

Ayub Khan, guard No. 8, Victoria Jail, said at 3.30 on Monday morning he went on duty. His beat was ward F. 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. Franks, said that was on the ground floor of the prison building.

Continuing, the witness said he was patrolling F. 1 when he saw two Chinese coming down the corridor towards the Chief Warden's Office. As they entered the Chief Warden's Office—this was at about 4.15 a.m.—witness followed them. As witness came to the Chief Warden's Office another Chinese came up to him from behind. Then another man came up. Witness tackled one of them while the other went towards Harnam Singh who was on duty outside the condemned cell.

By His Worship: Witness was not armed, he had only a lamp.

Then the two who had entered the Chief Warden's Office came out and one attacked witness while the other rushed at Harnam Singh. Prisoner No. 24 cut witness across the left palm. Witness saw Warden Speed follow the Chinese out of the office. Witness pressed the Superintendent's bell and struck a blow at one of the prisoners with his lamp which broke. Then witness saw Warden Speed fall near the gate of the reserve guard room. Witness ran up to him. The prisoners went out by the gate where No. 3 party was.

Mr. Franks said that was the gate opposite the Chief Officer's Office leading to what was known as West Yard.

By His Worship: Witness first ran the superintendent's quarters and then one of the other two.

His Worship: Did you see Harnam Singh?

Yes, he was on duty outside the condemned cell and when the men attacked him he shouted. Witness tried to pick Warden Speed up but failed. Witness called his name but he made no reply. Then the superintendent came.

By His Worship: Before the attack witness saw Warden Speed at 4 minutes past four and he was then sitting at the desk in the office writing.

By Mr. Franks: When he saw Warden Speed come out of the office during the fight, he (Speed) was pushing two men out of the office. Witness gave the alarm during the fight.

By His Worship: All four prisoners had daggers. They were wearing black clothes. Prisoner No. 2 stabbed witness.

By the Jury: During the struggle one Indian Warden who was attracted by the shouting came from upstairs. He stood at ward F1 and blew his whistle. No one else came until after the fight was over. Then Jam Mohamed came from the reserve room. He might have been there during the fight but witness did not see him until after. Witness blew his whistle during the fight.

Mr. J. W. Franks continuing his evidence, said he had not himself unlocked the gate leading to the jail.

After returning to the main building, he went to the Chief Warden's Office and found the place covered with blood and three chairs were pushed back as if there had been a struggle. He put a warder on duty and went outside to receive reports from the officers taking the roll.

The roll of the buildings except the main one was correct. Then he received information that a rope had been found next to the iron guard on B window and leading from it to the wall. At this time the only people there were the jail staff. He went out to see the rope and then returned to the main building. Here it was reported to him that 4 prisoners were missing. They were all from ward F5, situated on the first floor. It was at this time that he sent for the Police. Three of the cells were empty and he found the lock of cell No. 63 was cut away. He had the cells re-locked. It was then reported that Sgt. Willis and other Police officers wanted to see him. He went to the main gate and took them round to inspect the place. As he left the ward to go down to meet the Police, the prisoner in cell No. 48 shouted after him saying something in Chinese. Witness had the cell unlocked. It contained three prisoners, Nos. 2728, 3150, 3650. They stated that one of the prisoners in the cell had gone. Witness had the cell door re-locked. Witness then gave the Police descriptions of the prisoners.

When witness returned to the office, he had already learned that the missing prisoners were Nos. 791, 850, 24 and 1785. He produced their records. Then Warden McLeod came to him and produced a quantity of paint also an auger, a borer, a large corkscrew, 3 chisels, a screw driver, two pieces of wood, a small spanner, and 2 pieces of wire. These were all that were produced at that time. Witness went back to the 3

cells the same night and inspected them once more. He found in cell 63 a piece of stone, a Chinese pen, a piece of wood, a chisel blade, two sheets of white paper painted green, a number badge (791) belonging to the prisoner who had escaped from that cell. He also found on the floor a canvas jacket and a pair of canvas trousers, prison uniform worn by prisoner 791. He then went to cell 607. He found there the key to the cell, which was lying behind the cell bucket. It was not a key which would open any of the cells in ward F5. Here also he found two canvas trousers (prison uniform No. 24). Some prisoners are allowed a second suit of uniform in their cell and as prisoner No. 24 worked in the tin smith shop, he might have been allowed an extra suit. Witness also found a uniform fannel shirt. He then went to cell 61 and there found an extra towel, and two uniforms.

He did not inspect cell 48 but when he first looked into it, he saw a suit of uniform lying on the ground.

By His Worship: None of the instruments found was part of the prison stock of tools. He had examined his stock and found it correct. They are different in pattern to the prison tools.

On resuming after the interval Mr. Franks, continuing his evidence, said the page of the night duty book was signed by Warden Speed who had made entries up to ten minutes past two a.m. There were certain smudged entries of times on the side of the page. The routine was for the principal warden to enter the times at which he inspected the yards and patrols during the night. It was his duty to make frequent inspections but he was not bound down to any particular times. Warden Speed went on duty at 10.15 p.m. and was due off at 6 a.m. During the intervening period he was the only European in the jail. The average number of visits of inspection during the night was about nine. It was possible that Warden Speed was entering up all the times of his inspections at once, at the time when he was attacked. The rope (produced) measured 19 feet long and the height of the prison wall where it was found was sixteen feet six inches. The grill to which the rope was attached was two feet four inches from the wall. The prison itself is four feet from the wall. The missing key was lost on April 24 last. It was a pass key to the jail and unopened the principal beat gates of the jail. The Indian warden had the key attached to his key chain whilst on duty. The principal warden discovered the loss of the key when he counted them and reported the matter. The Indian warden did not report the loss. The pass key was not supposed to be taken out of the jail but there was nothing to prevent warden from doing it. The key was supposed to be handed to the man on duty in the Chief Warden's office when going off duty. At the date of the loss of the key all the four escaped prisoners were in the jail. The pass key would open the gate opposite the Principal Warden's office through which the prisoners would have to pass to get to their cells. A similar key was found on Warden Speed after his death. Since the loss of the key no change had been made in the locks of the jail. After the key was lost the whole of the prison was searched and also every prisoner, and every likely place that could be thought of. It was not found. Witness came to the conclusion that either the key had been thrown over the wall or the warden had lost it outside the jail. The warden who lost the key was, at the time, on duty in the wash house.

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On the 24th and 25th inst a special picture, the "Wild Olive," Miss Myrtle Steadman playing the principal part, will be given. Great preparations are now being made for a grand display of sweets and toys for the children on Xmas Day at 2.30 p.m.

Parents and guardians are invited to take their children on that occasion.

On Saturday next a sensational drama entitled "The Blindness of Devotion" in five parts will be screened with some exceptional and appropriate comics suitable for the season. This splendid film will run on till next Tuesday. Some alteration may take place in the programmes if it is found convenient to suit the theatre-goers.

INGRATITUDE.

A Chinese youth who was employed by a restaurant keeper in Yaumatei and subsequently dismissed from service because his master had given up business, was through the kindness of his master allowed to sleep in the house until he found work.

The youth abused this generosity by stealing clothing, opium, pipes, jewelry and money to the total of \$72. When his master taxed him, he admitted stealing the things. He was given in custody of the Police and this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood to whom he stated that he had undertaken to redeem the articles he had pawned this master was willing to forgive him.

His Worship sentenced him to one month's hard labour.

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IMPROPER DEB' COLLECTING METHODS.

A Chinese of the coolie class was this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with demanding \$16 by menace from a boy employed by Sgt. Major Thorne of the Soldiers' Club.

The defendant denied that he demanded \$16, and said that all he asked from the complainant was \$4 which was owing to him.

Inspector Kent said that the complainant who was employed by Sgt. Major Thorne of the Soldiers' Club, and had been with him for several years, left Murray Barracks on Sunday morning to go to the market when he was accosted by defendant who demanded that he joined his (defendant's) club. He told him that if he did not hand him \$16 as entrance fee, he would be "cut." The complainant said he had no money on him at the time and promised to give him the \$16 on the following day. When the complainant returned home from the market, his master noticed that he was worrying about something and asked him what was the matter and the complainant told his master all that had happened. Mr. Thorne gave him the \$16. The boy then went to No. 2 Police Station and laid certain information and was told to carry a Police whistle and if the defendant again troubled him, to blow it and get him arrested. Nothing happened on Monday, but on Tuesday, the complainant was buying flowers at the foot of Wyndham Street when he was again accosted by the defendant, who was accompanied by another man. The defendant struck him on the chest and asked him for the money saying at the same time that he was aware that the complainant had informed the Police about him, and warned him that if he was arrested, his job would make things unpleasant for the complainant. The complainant promised to meet the defendant outside the Dockyard. On his return home, he passed the Dockyard and again met the defendant and the other man. He blew his Police whistle and the men ran away. The defendant was arrested by a constable and taken to the station.

After evidence had been entered into, his Worship remanded the case

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE Office and Stations of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District WILL BE CLOSED to Public Business on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, (Winter Solstice), on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th inst. (Christmas and Boxing Days) and on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 1st and 2nd proximo (New Year Holidays).

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Weights to be N.S.C. Standard Weights.

Entries will not be accepted from any man who has (a) won any Open Novices Competition, or (b) taken part in any Contest or in any Open Competition other than one for Novices. Entries must be made at or before 12 Noon on Friday, December 24 and be addressed to the undersigned.

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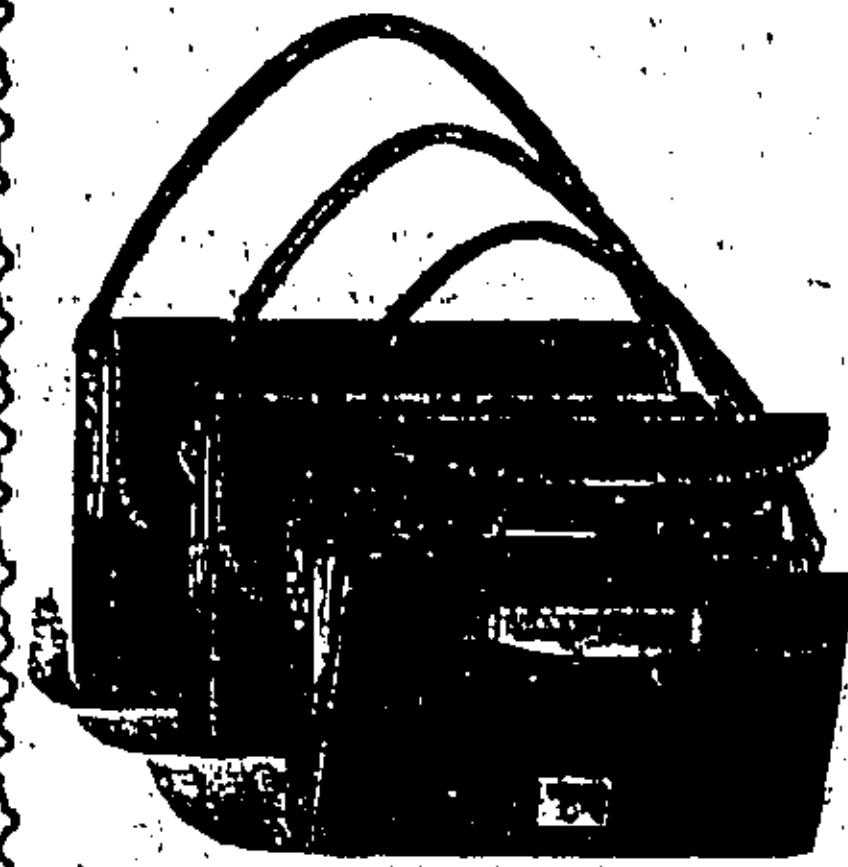
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ADMISSION OF WOMEN TO UNIVERSITIES.

OPINION AT OXFORD.

The official announcement that the University of Oxford had taken the opinion of eminent counsel as to the proposed admission of women to membership of the university and to degrees in the university has been the subject of much discussion recently says a correspondent to the Daily Telegraph.

The president of Magdalen (Sir Herbert Warren, K.C.V.O.) stated—

"It should be understood that what the university is being asked to consider is not in terms whether it will or will not promote the admission of women to degrees, but only wishes to have it made quite clear whether it has or has not the power to confer degrees on women should it at any time desire to do so. The decree to be proposed is to the effect that the burgesses of the university be requested to promote such Parliamentary legislation as may be necessary in order to ensure that the university has power to provide, if it shall think fit, by means of a statute made by itself, for the matriculation of women and their admission to degrees and to other rights and privileges of the university."

"Those who vote in favour of this decree are not necessarily committed to use the power should it be obtained, and it is probable that some may vote for it who have not made up their minds to use it. The opinion of learned counsel was that the university has the power, but, as there is a possible doubt, they recommend resort to legislation to clear up the question. I myself am not one of those who hesitate to be committed, for I have felt clearly for many years that women ought to be admitted to enjoy the degrees and privileges and status in the university side by side with men. The time seems to me more ripe and opportune than ever for granting this, and I myself should desire to see the conferment carried out by the University of Oxford itself of its own motion in a careful and considerate manner, but without delay."

The master of University College (Dr. R. W. Macan) said: "The university, having not merely admitted women to its examinations, but having recognised their residence in Oxford and made provision for their instruction and discipline, I think the admission of women to degrees on the same terms as men is both inevitable and just. I should like to add just this remark—the membership of women in the university will also serve a good purpose in marking the distinction between the general university interests and particular collegiate organisation."

The Warden of Wadham (Mr. Joseph Wells) said: "I supported degrees for women twenty-five years ago, the last time the question came up, and will support it again."

AN EXILE'S RACE WITH DEATH.

VAIN WISH TO SEE HIS NATIVE CITY.

How a ship's surgeon sought

strenuously to keep a sick old man alive, that he might realise his desire to see his native city of Edinburgh before he died, was related at Liverpool, wires the Daily Chronicle correspondent, on the arrival of the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain."

Twenty years ago the Scotman lost his fortune, of £20,000 by rash speculation and went to America to retrieve himself. He gained considerably in the Yukon goldfields, but lost his health in pursuit of wealth.

At the age of seventy, broken in body, he had but one ambition left—to look upon "Auld Reekie" once again before he left this world.

Dr. Calhoun, the surgeon on the "Empress of Britain," interested himself in the old man's case. He realised the traveller to the "land of the leal" was in a critical condition and resolved, if it was humanly possible, to keep him in life until he could set foot in Edinburgh.

Just after leaving Quebec, seas, cerebral trouble developed, followed by paralysis and unconsciousness. Two nights the devoted doctor sat up with the patient but on the fourth day of the voyage death won.

DUKE OF RUTLAND'S PROPERTY.

The principal portion of the Duke

of Rutland's estate in Bakewell and district, practically 30,000 acres, is earmarked for disposal, says the Daily Telegraph. It extends as far as Do e and Tolley with Hathersage, in the north of Derbyshire, to Brampton and to Rowsley in the south. There is considerable property in Bakewell, Haddon Hall, places of interest, and probably Stanton Woodhouse, occupied by the Marquis of Granby, Longshaw Lodge, and many other

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THE DIARY OF A HONGKONG LADY.

(Continued from yesterday.)

The town of Dixmude itself is naturally in ruins. There was a portion of the town on either side of the river, but by far the biggest portion was on the left bank. Here stand a few pieces of wall, all that remain of churches, town hall and houses; this had been the biggest place we had visited since we left Middlekerke. Some day, I suppose in the future it may be a large flourishing town again, but to the Belgians it must, as the little baker said, require "beaucoup de courage" to be able to look forward to that day, looking upon the woeful scene of Dixmude as it is now.

From there we drove through the same desolate country, every now and then over patches of boarding, which had been put over shell holes in the road. In some places, the whole width of the road had been carried away by a mine, and there a new road had been made round either side of it, the mine crater being filled off with a rough wooden rail. After going along the Dixmude-Ypres road for some miles we turned sharp to the left and found ourselves in the Forest of Houbaert or what had once been a forest, as the trees had all gone except for stumps seven or eight feet high, the rest of the tree having been cut off by shells. This forest which had been a very important spot during the war, as it was on a slight ridge and commanded the country towards Ypres, was heavily shelled. Except for a clearing here and there the underwood was green and thick and well-nigh impossible to penetrate, as you must be able to see where to put your feet, or you would fall into the holes made by the shells. Here a halt was called and we prepared to have our lunch of sandwiches. There was no coddle of fallen trees to sit upon, alas! Those, and the wild shaped stumps and the ground pitted with holes, were the only things left to indicate the terrible battle that had been waged here on this very spot. Another thing of course one noticed, was the intense stillness. No birds sang, as there were none to sing, and thus there seemed an uncanny stillness, which spoke only too forcibly everywhere we went that we were in the land of the dead. In many parts they are still bringing in the dead daily, some of them have lain hidden in the long grass, and some in pits and holes.

After about half an hour's stop, we got into our lumbering vehicles again and went down the Ypres Road to Poelcapelle, the scene between the two places being much as I have already described. We passed on the way a camp of the Chinese Labour Corps, clearing up the debris. They say it takes 12 months to clear three square miles.

Our way led now over a stretch of road entirely composed of planks, placed there, partly because it had been so cut up with shells and partly because of the terrible condition of the road, the mud and slush preventing the motor traffic from getting along. This we saw amply illustrated at Poelcapelle, where we came across several tanks half buried in what had once been mud, but which was now dry and hard. There the poor things were lying, some of them well battered. They had been put out of action in October 1917, by the German guns. Leaving Poelcapelle behind, we went on to Ypres, once a beautiful old Flemish city, now not a single house standing. Madame Chevallier (the Belgian general's daughter, who was with us) told me that she had considered that Ypres was far finer than Bruges, as the latter had nothing to come up to the magnificent old Cloth Hall.

We stopped in the large paved square in which the Cloth Hall stands, and it was truly a sad sight that met our gaze. Nothing but ruin everywhere. Or our right the ruins of the fine old Cloth Hall, with the Cathedral at the back of it, at the end of which had been some very beautiful old Flemish houses. Now nothing remains of them, and upon that spot is now erected a very hideous wooden Church Army hut. There are still the remains of the tower and a portion of the walls of the Cloth Hall, and a few bits of the beautiful tracery remain to indicate a little the beauty of the workmanship destroyed. We had to climb over a mountain of rubble and blocks of stone to be able to get a good view of the beautiful old archway of the Cathedral, a good deal of which still remains intact and is very fine; but it was impossible to enter either of the buildings as the Cloth Hall was guarded. It was not deemed safe for people to go in, for fear some of the masonry should fall, much of it being in a very unsafe condition still. There was apparently no guard over the Cathedral ruins and as most of the walls had come down there was nothing of any great height remaining; but it was difficult to get inside what was left of it because of the mass of stone work piled up high. Many of the streets were entirely obliterated. There was no telling where one began and another ended, and one just walked over heaps of debris, once houses, and not a single portion of wall remaining. We could often see by what lay beneath our feet, the various shops that had once stood there. At one place we came upon a heap of sewing machines and bicycles; at another, a mass of

broken crockery, all telling their tale. Madame Chevallier told me that she had tried to find the house of a friend, which she had known quite well. There was no street and no house remaining. She recognised a portion of the banisters of the staircase lying among the debris where the house had been, and that was all that she found of it. It was the house of a lawyer, a man over sixty, and he is now going to start life afresh in the Belgian Congo. To anyone who knew and loved the place it must be heartrending to see it in this ruined condition. They are, I believe, going to leave the Cloth Hall and Cathedral as they are, as a monument to our men.

There are still a good many British Tommies to be seen there. They have joined up again in order to collect and bury the dead that are still lying out on the battlefields, and also to exhume those in the graves that are scattered all over the fighting area, laying them in cemeteries prepared for them. As we drove through the country we noticed solitary graves all the way, where the poor men had been buried where they had fallen, with just little wooden crosses to mark the spot.

We spent rather more than an hour at Ypres wandering about among the ruins, and left again in our jolly conveyance for Poperinghe, or "Pop" as it is commonly known in the British Army. The country between that and Ypres is a little less devastated, owing to the Huns having been kept to the further side of Ypres all the time. There were live trees, which we hadn't seen since we left Ostende, and the ground was under cultivation. The few farms we passed en route were intact, except for an occasional wall shattered by a shell. Many of the houses had shot and shell marks all over them, but after what we had passed through, this seemed but slight in comparison. Poperinghe, I suppose, is a typical small Flemish town, with narrow streets paved with cobble stones. We rattled noisily through the little town to "Hotel Skindies," which before the war was a quiet little Belgian inn kept by, I think, two sisters, who seemed exceedingly charming and capable young women. Since the war it has become the officers' club, and in the evening it is thronged with British and Belgian officers, who after their day's work is over, come in here from Ypres and the camps round for some recreation. British-like they insisted upon the Belgian name being changed for an English one. With a name like "Skindies" it would sound more attractive, so "Skindies" it became, and I expect will remain for many years to come! It is a very fine old house, right on the street, and before the present people had it, belonged to Lieut. Moneror's grandfather. He took me and Madame Chevallier into the beautiful old kitchen, with all its bright Flemish brass pots, of quaint design, upon a window sill ran the whole length of one side of the room, the window being high enough to be out of the way of all furniture, and to prevent the maids from looking out, and so waste their time! We were all doled out a card with the number of our bedroom, according to whether we wanted a double or single one. Some of the men had to go out into the town, as there was not room for us all, and we were in all directions. "I was in the stable yard, upon an exceedingly narrow and steep staircase, in the tiniest of rooms looking down into a dank pond, but it was clean, which, after all, was all that mattered. The bed was remarkably comfortable. As we were covered with a thick coating of dust from head to foot, everything had to be shaken out of the window and I rather feared I should drop some precious garment into the pond below. It was almost worth while getting into such a state of grime to feel clean again. The girls were very well off in a nice big room in the hotel itself. The dinner was a little late, as the fish hadn't yet come in, but it was delicious when we did get it, as was the whole dinner, to which we all, I think, did ample justice, as we were very hungry after our long day. Dinner over, the tables were cleared and removed from the two rooms, which were divided by large folding doors, and dancing commenced, with Madame Chevallier at the piano, till an officer turned up who could play dance music. Miss Maunier told me that the officers look forward to these fortnightly little dances, which they usually have, if there are any young ones in the party passing through. My two charges enjoyed themselves immensely, but as we had all had a long and tiring day, we did not keep it up beyond 11.30.

Sunday.—Up at 6 o'clock next morning and breakfasted on coffee and nice flat round scones and at 7.30 we were once more on the road. The first place we came to was Westoutre, a small town south of Poperinghe, which had been terribly knocked about by the Germans in the March offensive of 1918, especially the Church. A good deal of the walls are still standing, but most of the roof and the interior of the Church have been destroyed. In October 1914 the Germans occupied the place for nine days. Before they entered the Burgomaster and Curé told the people to bring their clothes and valuables into the Church where they would be safe. So packed in large wooden boxes they brought their possessions, and a guard was placed over them. However, on the entry of the Germans the guard was overpowered, picked up a hand grenade. Fortunately

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(To be continued.)

SPORTS. TENNIS. 88TH CO. R.G.A. BEAT KOWLOON.

The 88th Company, R.G.A., gained a comfortable victory over Kowloon in the Hard Courts Tennis League, during the week end. The scores were as follows:—Major C. L. Hickling, D.S.O., and Capt. C. O. Oliver beat Messrs. Ralston and Stevens 8-3; beat Messrs. Henderson and Frost 8-3; beat Messrs. Kay and Stark 8-2.

Captain P. H. Davies, M.C., and C.S.M. Pragnell lost to Ralston and Stevens 3-8; lost to Kay and Stark 5-8; beat Henderson and Frost 6-5.

C.O.M.S. Talbott and Sergt. Major Davis lost to Ralston and Stevens 3-8; beat Kay and Stark 9-2; beat Henderson and Frost 8-2.

Total—88th C.R.G.A. 60 games; Kowloon 39 games.

CRICKET.

It has, for many years past, been the custom for the Hongkong Cricket Club to meet the United Services on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, a return match being played on New Year's Day and the following day. This year, however, by a happy chance, Dec. 27 has been made a Bank Holiday, and the following five days' cricket has been arranged including a Triangular Tournament between the Hongkong Cricket Club, Garrison, and Navy on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground. Three two-day matches will be played:—

Dec. 26 and 27.—H.K.C.C. v. Garrison.

Dec. 29 and 30.—Garrison v. Navy.

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Jan. 3.—H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. University (Home).

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On form the Garrison should carry off premier honours. The Club batting will be strengthened by the inclusion of R. Hancock, A. A. Claxton, and A. E. Wood, but the Club bowling seems hardly equal to the strain of two-day matches. The Garrison is stronger in bowling than batting, while the Navy, with its many arrivals, is an unknown quantity.

Given fine weather, however, some keen and interesting cricket should take place. It is hoped to wind up the festival with a smoking concert on January 3.

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KOWLOON COMMENTS.

[BY THE KOWLOONATIC.]

The match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, last Sunday, viz Scotland versus England, resulted in a win for England, by four points.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Golf Section, has arranged a match for Christmas morning, at King's Park. There will be a tiffin at the club-house after the play.

An application has been sent in to the Government for permission to use one of the schoolrooms of the Kowloon British School for the purpose of holding the meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association. No reply has so far been received.

Prior to the holding of the meeting, a circular will be sent to all residents in Kowloon outlining the resolutions to be placed before the meeting.

Worshipful Brother W. Higby was installed Master of Lodge Eastern Scotia (Kowloon), last night. Worshipful Brother Morgan, I.P.M., officiated. A banquet at the Hongkong Hotel followed.

This is the third time Worshipful Brother Higby has occupied the Eastern Chair of Lodge Eastern Scotia.

There will be a Christmas party at the Kowloon British School, on Friday next, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and other refreshments for the grown-ups will be provided and crackers, etc., for the scholars. Afterwards there will be a cinematograph entertainment in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, which has been kindly lent by the Vestry for the occasion. No invitations are being sent out and the function will be quite informal.

Mr. J. Oxberry, the enterprising manager of the Palace Hotel, is fitting up a new lounge adjacent to the dining room of the Hotel. It will be furnished with due regard to the comfort of the guests and when complete, will make an attractive addition to the premises.

We understand that "Hickenschmidt" will be specially deputed to wait on patrons of the Lounge.

"Roderick Random" does some straight talking, in our senior morning contemporary, to-day. We quite agree with him that the "sepulchral silence" as to what is being done towards the settlement of the many problems held over is calculated to get on one's nerves. Particularly is this felt in Kowloon with regard to the housing problem.

We have tried to convince the Government that a hotel will not solve the difficulty and we think we have given very good reasons for the views expressed. Whether cognizance has been taken of our remarks, nobody knows and as far as we are aware, the hotel will be built.

There is another strong argument against the hotel and that is, it will not provide anything in the shape of "home life," which we believe, is one of the principal reasons people have sought residence in Kowloon.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn stated that the Government had come to the conclusion that the greater majority of people of Kowloon preferred hotel life. Of course, they do, when they cannot get homes at reasonable rentals. But provide them with the latter and there would be an overwhelming vote against the former.

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DEATH OF N.Y.K. TAIWAN AT SHANGHAI.

Mr. Tokugaki Ibukiyama, Manager of the Shanghai branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and member of the Municipal Council, died on Dec. 10 after a very brief illness. Deceased, who was 52 years of age, leaves a wife and two sons. Mr. Ibukiyama took a prominent part in affairs. He was born in Iwateken, Hokkaido, in 1867, and entered the Imperial University at Tokyo, graduating in Law in 1895 and in that year joining the Nippon Yusen Company. He was shortly afterwards transferred to London and three years later went to Shanghai, taking the position of assistant manager and serving in that capacity until 1900. He next went to the head office at Tokyo, and thence to Chemulpo and Bombay, finally returning to Shanghai in 1916 to take charge of the company's affairs there.

His many good qualities rapidly gained for him a leading position, and when Baron Fujimura retired from the Municipal Council in July of last year, Mr. Ibukiyama was invited to succeed him and later his appointment was confirmed by election. In addition to his services on the Council, he did excellent work as a member of the Consultative Board of the Whangpoo Conservancy and was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Japanese Resident's Corporation in Shanghai.

At a meeting of the Municipal Council on Dec. 10 the Chairman Mr.

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E. C. Pearce, spoke in feeling terms of the death of Mr. Ibukiyama. He referred to the excellent public service which he had rendered as a member of the Council, a member of the Finance Committee, and as the Council's representative on the special Vice Committee, and observed that a spirit of co-operation and good will had consistently characterized his relations with his colleagues.

It was resolved to send up, expression of the Council's deep regret and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ibukiyama and the members of the family, and to record the same in the minutes.

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MUSICAL NOTES.

[By Counterpoint]

I received a letter, last Saturday morning, from Podolsky. He tells me that he is going to Sumatra to play for Miss Mirova, a well-known Russian classic dancer who has been creating quite a sensation in the F.M.S. and other parts of the East. He also informs me that the Russian Opera Company, which scored such signal success in Shanghai, has been adding to its laurels in Tokio. The Company intends to visit Hongkong in the near future.

By a coincidence, on the same morning I received a call from M. Bogumil Sykora, who was passing through the Colony on the way to Manila. Sykora informed me that his season in Sumatra was phenomenally successful. He played at 48 different places and 50 different selections from 56 composers.

When it is borne in mind that all these pieces have to be worked up and played from memory some idea of the work entailed may be gained. Here is a list of some of the composers included in Sykora's repertoire.

Ariosti, Bach J. S., Bach, Ch. Ph. E., Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart, Gluck, Handel, Eccles, Boccherini, Lotti, Campagnoli, Tartini, Vientini, Prume, Tchaikowski, Moussorgski, Glazounoff, Ippolitoff, Ivanoff, Gretcheninoff, Rachmaninoff, Cui, Gliere, Arensky, Davidoff, Muert, Tschernoff, Chodorowski, Fitzenhagen, Rubinstein, Piatzi, Saint Saens, Volkmann, Boellmann, Klengel, Faure, Brahms, Fibich, Dvorak, Schumann, Mann, Abbas, Satz, Roeser, Popper, Sykora, Jeral, Grieg, Bruch, Casella and Chopin.

I learn that Piastro ('cello) and Mirovitch (piano) have parted company, as have Sykora and Podolsky. All however, have been playing to big houses in various parts of the East.

I cannot understand why some people who write criticisms in the local press of vocalists who perform here from time to time, do not take the trouble to find out the correct range of the particular singer dealt with (they apparently are not able to tell by hearing). One paper, the other day, called Mrs. A. O. Brown, who sang at the "social" at St. Andrew's Church Hall, a couple of weeks ago, a soprano. Her voice is mezzo soprano.

A New York paper states that German opera cannot be rendered in New York City prior to the ratification of the peace treaty. That was the decision of Mr. Justice Gierich.

The paragraph again brings up the much discussed question as to whether German music should be barred in Allied countries. Isn't it rather carrying patriotism to a ridiculous extreme? All the wars in the world won't alter the fact that Germany, as a musical nation, is pre-eminent, not so much because that country produces more natural talent than any other, but because such talent as exists is eagerly fostered and State aided where necessary.

A biographical sketch of Madame Patti, in a Bangkok contemporary, credits the prima donna with being addicted to the mandoline. Why not go the whole hog and include the ukelele, the Jew's harp the ocarina and the drum?

Sir Edward Cooper, the New Lord Mayor of London is a front rank amateur vocalist and has taken parts in many historic services, including Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee service and the Coronation service of King George.

His wife Lady Cooper, is also a fine organist and pianiste.

We are genuinely grateful for the services of the Bands of the H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the Wiltshires at our various functions but some of us would be still more grateful if we could hear these fine musicians without having to take in boxing matches etc., as part of the programme.

S. O. S.—"Still no word about a town band."

WOMEN GRADUATES AT OXFORD?

COUNSEL'S OPINION THAT THERE ARE NO OBSTACLES.

Oxford University has taken the opinion of counsel (Mr. C. J. Murray, K.C., and Sir John Simon) as to the proposed admission of women to the membership of the university and, of degrees.

Asked whether the University had power, by means of statute, to provide for the matriculation of women as members of the university and for admission of degrees, counsel answered in the affirmative, but suggested for the consideration of the university whether it would not be better to obtain express Parliamentary sanction for what they proposed.

It might be worth while considering, they added, whether the university should act conjointly with the University of Cambridge in the matter.

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

DECEMBER 15th, 1919.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin, -Mei Lung Pa	19	Chickens, -Lai Tai	34
Prime Cut	20	Capon, S. All, -Shi Kai	30
Corned, -Ham Ngau Yuh	20	Capon, Large, -Shi Kai	32
Roast, -Shih	20	Duck, -Ap	24
Breast, -Ngau Nam	18	Dove, -Pan Kan	24
Soup, -Tong Yuh	18	Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	22
Steak, -Ngau Yuh Pa	19	Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	26
Beef Sirloin, -Ngau Lai	28	Fowls, Canton, -Kai	38
Sausages, -Ngau Cheung	28	Fowls, Hainan, -Hot Nam Kai	30
Bullock's Brains, -Ngau No per set	10	Geese, -Nga	28
Tongue, fresh, -Ngau Li each 50	10	Pigeons, Canton, -Pak Kap, each	30
Tongue, corned, -Ham Ngau Li each 60 cents	10	Holbow, -Red Han Pak Kap	40
Head, -Ngau Tai, each 1.00	13	Turkeys, Cook, -Fo Kai Kung lb.	85
Heart, -Ngau Sam, lb.	13	Turkeys, Hen, -Fo Kai Na	70
Hump, Salt, -Ngau Kin	20	Snipe, -Sha Tui	84
Feet, -Ngau Kank, each	10	Pheasant, -Shan Kai	1.10
Kidneys, -Ngau Yiu	10	Quail, -Om Chun	14
Tail, -Ngau Mei	10	Partridges, -Oha Ka	60
Liver, -Ngau Kank	13		
Tripe (unadressed), Ngau To lb.	6		
Calves' Head and Feet, -Ngau Tai, each 1.10	10		
Mutton Chop, -Young Pak Kwat lb.	30		
Leg, -Young Pak	30		
Shoulder, -Young Shau	26		
Saddle, -Young On Yuh	30		
Pig's Chitlings, -Chau Chong	25		
Brains, -Oha No per set	15		
Feet, -Oha Kank	15		
Fry, -Chau Chap	15		
Head, -Chau Tai	13		
Heart, -Oha Sam	9		
Kidneys, -Oha Yiu	9		
Liver, -Oha Koo	15		
Pork Chop, -Oha Pak Kwat	25		
Leg, -Oha Pak	30		
Loin, -Oha Hui Tam	24		
Fat or Lard, -Oha Yau	21		
Sheep's Head and Feet, -Young	70		
Tao Kank	15		
Heart, -Young Sam	15		
Kidneys, -Young Yiu	12		
Liver, -Young Kon	15		
Soaking Pig, to order, -Oha Tai	24		
Seet, Beef, -Shang Ngau Yuh	20		
Mutton, -Shang Ngau Yuh	30		
Veal, -Ngau Tai Yuh	20		
Sausages, -Ngau Tai Cheung No. 1	26		

Poultry.

Chickens, -Lai Tai	34
Capon, S. All, -Shi Kai	30
Capon, Large, -Shi Kai	32
Duck, -Ap	24
Dove, -Pan Kan	24
Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	22
Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	26
Fowls, Canton, -Kai	38
Fowls, Hainan, -Hot Nam Kai	30
Geese, -Nga	28
Pigeons, Canton, -Pak Kap, each	30
Holbow, -Red Han Pak Kap	40
Turkeys, Cook, -Fo Kai Kung lb.	85
Turkeys, Hen, -Fo Kai Na	70
Snipe, -Sha Tui	84
Pheasant, -Shan Kai	1.10
Quail, -Om Chun	14
Partridges, -Oha Ka	60

Fruits.

Almonds, -Hang Yan	42
Apples, (California), -Kam Shan	35
Pine Apples, -Ping Ko	35
Bananas, (birds), -Macao, -San	4
Heung Chiu	4
Carambola, -Young To	10
Cocoanuts, -To Tai	10
Lemons, China, -Ling Mung	10
Lemons, (America), -Kam Shan	10
Ling Mung	7
Lichees, Dried, (small stone), -Lai Chi Kon lb.	1.30
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet, -Shan-sheng Tin Chang lb.	6
Oranges, Tin Chang	13
Pears, (Canton), Cooking, -Sha Li	13
Peanuts, -Fa Shang	13
Persimmons, Large, -Hung Tai	5
Plantain, -Tai Chiu	5
Pumpkin, -Ting Lo Yau	20
Walnuts, -Hop To	16
Grapes, -Fo Tai Tai	35

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes, -Ah Oh Cheuk	8
Beans, Broad, -Nga Tai	15
Long, -Tao Kok	15
Beet Root, -Hung Tai Tai	2
Bitter Melon, -Fa Kwa	5
Brinjals, Green, -Ching Yuh Kwai	6
Red, -Hung Kwai	6
Cabbages, Chinese, (common), -Kai Tai	13
(Shanghai), -Ye Tai	12
Cauliflower, -Kau Shan	10
Carrots, (Large), -Ye Tai	20
(Medium), -	15
(Small), -	15
Carrots, -Kam Shan	15
Celery, Chinese, -Tong Kai Tai	10
Chillies, Dried, -Kon Lat Chiu	30
Radish, -Hong Fa Chiu	13
Green, -Ching Lat Chiu	10
Curry Stuff, English, -Kai Tai	10
Cucumbers, -Ching Kwa	10
Garlic, -Sung Tai	12
Ginger, young, -Sun Tai Kung	6
Ginger, old, -Lo Kung	8
Horseradish, Shanghai, -Lik Kan	15
Indian Corn, -Shik Mai	10
Lettuce, -Young Shang Tai	15
Water Chestnuts, -Ma Tai	15
Mandarin, -Kwai	6
Lam Ma Tai	6
Mushrooms, Fresh, -Shang Tai Kai lb.	15
Okraes	15
Onions, Bombay, -Young Chung Tai lb.	6
Onions, Green, -Shang Chung lb.	6
Onions, Shanghai, -Sheng-hoi	12
Parsley, -Kun Tai	10
Potatoes, Sweet, -Fa Shu	3
Japanese, -Tai Tai Shu Tai lb.	15
American, -Fa Ki Shu Tai lb.	15
Pumpkin, -Tung Kwa	15
Radish, -Hung Lo Pak Tai	5
Rhubarb (Fresh), -Tai Wong	15
Shallots, -Kong Chung Tai	5
Sprouts, -Tin Tai	5
Tomatoes, -Fan Ka	5
Taro, -Wu Tai	5
Turnip, Funt, (Long), -Lo Pak	5
Vegetable Marrow, -Tai Kwa	5
Water Cress, -Sai Young Tai	12
Lily root, -Lin Ngau	5
Yams, -Tai Shu	5

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major G. H. Wakeman, V.D., Acting Administrative Commandant.

PARADE.
Hongkong, December 16, 1919.
There will be parade of the whole Corps (including men previously excused attendance at parades, and the Cadet Company) on Wednesday, 17th instant for inspection by His Excellency the Governor.
Fall in at 5.00 p.m. in the road in the North Side of the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground.

DRRESS.
Drill order (i.e. Cap, Tunic, Trousers, Putties, Belt, Sidearms and Rifle).
The Mounted Section will wear Breeches instead of Trousers. "D" Company will not carry Rifles or Sidearms. Officers will not wear Swords.
NCOs and men (except "D" Company) who have returned their rifles and sidearms to Headquarters can draw them between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and after 3.30 p.m., on 17th instant and can return them to Headquarters.

OPIUM.

Charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of 29 tials of prepared opium and 18 tials of opium dross concealed amongst some Chinese Medicine balls, contained in biscuit tins, a Chinese pleaded that they were given to him by a man, who had arrived from Singapore recently, to carry on board the s.s. "Kienhon".

His Worship passed sentence of 6 months' hard labour for possession of the opium and \$100 or 1 month for possession of the dross.

quarters at the conclusion of the parade.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.

NOTICE.

The Corps Championship will be shot for at the King's Park Range on Sunday the 21st December commencing at 9.30 a.m. Conditions, 200, 500 and 600 yards, Biscuit Targets, open sights, 7 Rounds and Sighting Shot at each range. Regulation slings allowed. Entries to be made on the Range. Entrance fee 50 cents.

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DOGS OF WAR.

A VALIANT RETRIEVER.

Lieut. Col. E. H. Richardson, R.E., writing in the *Daily Telegraph* on the work of dogs in the war says—
Directly under my personal care were Buller (Airedale), Trick (collie), and Nell (setter bitch). At the outset Buller was somewhat inconsistent, but in a very short time he blossomed out into a very fine working dog and did some very fine running. He carried messages, such as requisitions for ammunition, material, food, and the most common, but not the least important—the situation reports.

When the Australian troops were making repeated attacks on the fronts between Villers-Bretonneux about April and May the service of Trick was repeatedly and specially in demand, and on various occasions on that front he brought back the first messages on the progress of the attacks, and also requests for further materials necessary for the successful carrying out of operations. On one occasion special mention was made in divisional orders of the good work done by Trick and another dog, called Willard, on the front of the left of Corbie. On that occasion Trick and Willard brought back the first message of an important and successful operation by the Australian troops. By his good work Trick was always sought out by any signalling officer when any message of importance and urgency was to be sent, and never one did he prove untrustworthy.

A black retriever dog called Dick had a wonderful record, worthy of the V.C. While carrying a message in the Villers-Bretonneux sector he was wounded very severely in the back and shoulder. The dog completed his run in good spirit, and was ultimately sent to the section kennel for treatment from the veterinary officer. As no foreign bodies could be located in the wounds they were stitched up, and he was soon healed up and at work again. He did his runs in the line as well as before and seemed all right when moved to the 8th Corps. A day or two after moving, the dog was seen to be suffering, and the attention of the vet. was called to his state. After a few days' observation, the veterinary officer concluded there was some foreign body in the wound, and so, as poor Dick was on the point of death, he was ordered to be destroyed.

At the post-mortem examination it was discovered that a rifle bullet was resting between the shoulder and body, while near the small of the back a piece of shrapnel was found lodged close to the spine. Through all his sufferings the dog carried out his duties cheerfully and most faithfully until he was overtaken by death.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 17th DECEMBER, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.
Sterling Exchange 5/4.7.7
Hongkong Bank ... 3330 b.
Mandarin Insurance ...

Canton Ins. ... 4000 n.
North China Ins. ... 1775 n.
Union Ins. ... 1810 n.
Yonghe Ins. ... 1800 n.
Far Easterns ... 232 n.
FAR INSURANCE.
China Fire Ins. ... 1138 n.
Hongkong Fire Ins. ... 320 n.

SECTIONS.
Donglao ... 390 n.
H.K. Steamships ... 313 n.
Indo-China (Prof.) ... 320 n.
Do. (Del.) ... 335 n.
Shell Transport ... 310 n.
Star Ferries ... 31 n.
REVENUE.
China Sugar ... 1301 b.
Malacca Sugar ... 344 n.

MINE.
Kailan Mining Adm. ... 90 n.
Langkat ... 114 n.
Shanghai Loans ... 114 n.
Shai Explorations ... 114 n.
Rauhe ... 114 n.
Tonghai Mines ... 114 n.
Vital Capital ... 114 n.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. & K. Wharves ... 105 n.
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Central Estates ... 1064 n.
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Ewo Cottons ... 1118 n.
Kung Yik ... 1118 n.
Kowloon Mines ... 1118 n.
Oriental ... 1118 n.
Shanghai Cottons ... 1118 n.
Yangtze ... 1118 n.

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Cement ... 1118 n.
China-Born ... 1118 n.
China-Light Oil ... 1118 n.
China-Private ... 1118 n.
Dairy Farms ... 1118 n.
H.K. Electric ... 1118 n.
Macao ... 1118 n.
Hongkong Hops ... 1118 n.
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Peak Tramways (Old) ... 1118 n.
Peak Tramways (New) ... 1118 n.
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WEATHER REPORT.

December 17, 1919. No returns from Vladivostok or Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly along the coast of China, and increased slightly over Formosa and the Philippines.

The anticyclone has weakened.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 74.14 inches, against an average of 83.88 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. on December 18th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lanchow. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 17, 1919.—A.M.

Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Wind
Vladivostok S.S.	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beiping	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tientsin	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harbin	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Urumchi	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lanchow	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yunnan	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kanton	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beiping	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tientsin	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harbin	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Urumchi	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lanchow	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yunnan	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kanton	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	5 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 17, 1919.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea to inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, by blue sky, detached cloud, drifting rain, fog, gloomy, hail, lightning, overcast, passing showers, equal, rain, snow, thunder, visibility, dew, wet.

7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1903-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 18 to 24, 1919.

Hour	High Water	Low Water
12	—	—
1	—	—
2	—	—
3	—	—
4	—	—
5	—	—
6	—	—
7	—	—
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9	—	—
10	—	—
11	—	—
12	—	—

WHAT IS OBSTRUCTION?

Before Mr. R. O. Hutchison this morning Mr. E. L. Agassiz appeared to represent the proprietor of the Wo Ping Theatre who was charged with causing an obstruction in the lane beside the premises.

A Sanitary Inspector, prosecuting, said there was obstruction in the lane. Mr. Agassiz: You have got to prove it; you cannot simply say that there was obstruction.

The Inspector said that the lane was beside the Wo Ping theatre opposite the General Market. There was the cooking of food going on when he visited it. The land was leased by the government, and its spaces are to be kept clear and sanitary.

Mr. Agassiz: You have to prove it. The Inspector: I should like to ask for an adjournment then, to enable Dr. Pearce to come up.

Mr. Agassiz: I don't wish an adjournment. I am ready to go on. His Worship said that as regards the circumstances he wished to know what would happen in the future if the prosecution was not ready in detail.

Mr. Agassiz: It is for them to consider. I am here to answer the summons. I admit that there was cooking going on in the lane, but the kitchen is so small that there is hardly space to do all the cooking. There are benches put up for the cooking in the lane.

His Worship: The case is adjourned.

WAR JUNK FOR HONGKONG.

Hongkong wanted war trophies. It is to have them. The dispensing authorities have allocated to Hongkong the following collection of scrap iron:

One heavy gun.
ten machine guns
20 helmets.
two German packs
one signal thrower.
four wire cutters.
two trench mortars.

We will all go and have a look at it when it comes, gloat over what it means; and then, we hope, it will be stowed somewhere where it cannot offend the eye. We don't like to seem ungrateful, but we'd rather have had the Kaiser's skeleton for the museum.

COMPRADORE WITH UNSTAMPED LETTERS.

The compradore of the s.s. "Tele-machus" was charged before Mr. R. O. Hutchison this morning with bringing into the Colony 15 letters which were unstamped.

Mr. N. L. Smith, acting P.M.G., prosecuting. Inspector Davitt said the letters were taken from the despatch box marked "letters" on board the ship. His Worship imposed a fine of \$25.

Consignees are reminded that all goods per the s.s. "Kumsang" not cleared by to-morrow, will be subject to rent.

The Motor Bandits again appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and were remanded until 2.15 p.m. on Monday.

At the Civil Service Club on Sunday afternoon at 3.30 E. C. Fincher and B. W. Bradbury met in the Club's Singles Tennis Championship.

POST OFFICE.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China will come into operation on and after the 1st January, 1920.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands will be resumed on the 1st Jan., 1920.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 6 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, December 18. Shanghai—Per MISHIMA MARU. Straits—Per KAIYU MARU.

FRIDAY, December 19. Australia and Manila—Per NIKKO MARU. Shanghai—Per SUIYANG.

THURSDAY, December 25. Straits—Per TOYO MARU.

MONDAY, December 29. Bombay—Per TENSIN MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, December 18. Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOHEI MARU, 8 a.m.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.30 a.m. Haiphong—Per HANYANG, 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkottai, Bombay and Aden—Per DILWALA, 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m.

NOTICES.

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ARRIVALS.

December 17. WEST IRA, Amer., 3,843 tons, from Manila, Capt. J. F. Deery, R. Dollar Co. B.S.

DILWALA, Brit., 2,470 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. T. P. Babb, M.M. & Co. B.S.

HAROLD, Brit., 3,923 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. M. Ridley, R. Dollar Co. B.S.

HOPSANG, Brit., 1,359 tons, from Swatow, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, J.M. & Co. B.S.

CHAKSANG, Brit., 1,470 tons, from Kobe, Capt. M. Courtney, J.M. & Co. B.S.

CHENAN, Brit., 1,355 tons, from Swatow, Capt. H. E. Laver, B. & S. C.B.

HANOT, French, 739 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. T. Morvan, Lapicque B.S.

TIRESIAS, Brit., 4,331 tons, from Singapore, Capt. J. Riepenhansen, B. & S. Hol. Wharf.

CLEARANCES.

December 17. SULTAN VAN KOTTEL, Dutch, 7,750 a.m., for Singapore, A.P. Co.

TEUCER, Brit., noon, for Liverpool via Singapore, B. & S.

CHIPSING, Brit., 7 a.m., for Shanghai, J.M. & Co.

HWAH-WU, Chi., 7 a.m., for Bombay via Singapore, N.Y.K.

HAIVANG, Brit., noon, for Saigon, Wo Fat Sing.

TEIRESIAS, Brit., 4.30 p.m., for Yokohama via Moji, B. & S.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it is absolutely non-narcotic and non-injurious substance. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Montezuma* arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 15 left there Dec. 16, and is due at Kobe on Dec. 18.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Shanghai on Dec. 15, left there Dec. 17, and is due at Manila on Dec. 19, 5 p.m.

Latest Advice.

The P. & O.E. & A.L. s.s. *Novara* left Shanghai for this Port on the 18th instant at 8.30 a.m., and is due here on the 18th instant at about 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Mishima Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this Port on the 18th Dec., and is expected here on the 18th Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kaiyoku Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this Port on the 9th Dec., and is expected here on the 18th Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Australian Line) left Sydney for this Port via Manila on the 28th Nov., and is expected here on the 19th Dec.

The C.P.O.S. Co's S.S. *Mythen* arrived at Singapore on Dec. 7, leaves there Dec. 14, and is due at Hongkong on Dec. 15.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this Port via Singapore on the 4th Dec., and is expected here on the 20th Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this Port via Singapore on the 12th Dec., and is expected here on the 21st Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this Port via Singapore on the 12th Dec., and is expected here on the 21st Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (European Line) left London for this Port via Suez Canal on the 28th Nov., and is expected here on the 7th January.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE CORONET Tel. No. 1743. TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! TO-NIGHT!!! at 5.15 & 9.15 p.m.

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